

28th Feb 2016 Town Hall, Minister's report

We have dedicated a lot of celebration time to our cultivation of community in the effort to select a candidate for minister.

I have attended EOL Meetings, Celebration Planning meetings, Steering Circle Meetings and done some pastoral visiting with elders/less mobile and folks having significant life events. I write parts of Wavelinks every two weeks. I spend some time with most folks who are planning to lead a celebration. I consult with Kathleen and Jo with some regularity when I have particular questions and/or desire some particular support.

Steering Circle has coordinated some with the Selection Committee when we feel it is our role to hold community concerns but mostly in an effort to support as the selection process moves forward.

I am glad to be here through to June 1st, I am actually looking forward to playing at least some role in doing our Easter Celebration. I am open to assisting a bit with acclimating the new minister given my status as a member for 4 years, on Steering Circle for 2 years and interim leader for 8 months.

Jan has held our scheduling interests, insuring we have the Coach House, the Grange Hall, Fort Flagler reservations in place as well as monitoring phone and e-mails.

Security continues to be an issue for TUCO and us. Unfortunately there is a lot of use of the building for rental events and the lock up routine has not been followed well. It is now part of our opening routine to surveil the building upon opening each Sunday and that no one coming or stay in the building solo. I have contacted TUCO and the intention is for me to meet with Tammy Stamphli in person and determine a mutually beneficial course of action.

I still would like to request your input on what else if anything you would like to take place that you think I might facilitate. I am also eager to hear from folks if they have concepts, ideas, poetry they would like incorporated into a celebration. I expect to actually have time to do this incorporation more now that we are (maybe) nearing the end of the ring, interview, evaluation focus of celebrations.

I would like to offer processing time for anyone who would like it. At this juncture it is natural to have some feeling about Kathleen's retirement and possibly regarding the candidate selected and our transition to a new minister. I am inviting anyone wishing to talk about such topics to contact me and we might individually or possibly in a group make time to process together.